

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Catholic schools continue their mission and celebrate Catholic schools by furnishing our leaders of tomorrow with basic human, moral, and spiritual foundations; and,

*Whereas*, A quality education is the foundation of a child's future, and Catholic Schools Week recognizes one of the many different opportunities for education South Dakota parents are able to provide for their children; and,

*Whereas*, Catholic education has demonstrated its ability to contribute to the state's welfare throughout its history by raising levels of knowledge, competence, and experience; and,

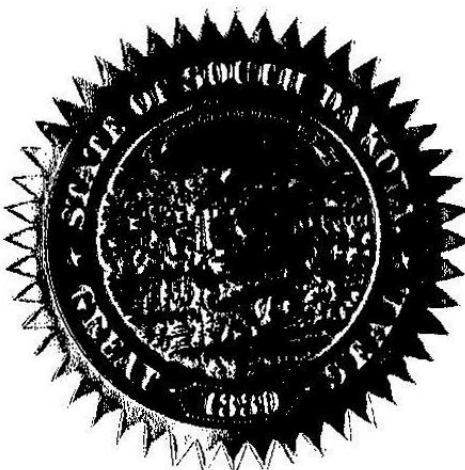
*Whereas*, The 35 Catholic preschools, elementary, middle and high schools, and colleges in South Dakota provide outstanding formation for the 8,600 students who attend, and thus contribute to the welfare of the entire community; and,

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota recognizes families for their sacrifices on behalf of their children's education and praise administrators, teachers, and staff for their dedication and professionalism:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 25 - 31, 2009, as

### *CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK*

in South Dakota, and I recognize the contributions Catholic schools have made and are making today as they fulfill the mission and celebrate Catholic schools in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State